



***San Diego County  
Fish & Wildlife Advisory Commission***

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COMMISSIONERS	DISTRICT	
Jack Bransford	1	Present (late arrival)
Paul Kelpin	1	Present
Florence Sloane, Vice-Chair	2	Present
Bruce Campbell, Secretary	2	Present
Rob Wilder	3	Present
Teresa Barth	3	Present
D'erdra Smothers, Ph.D	4	Present
Jim Dodd, Chair	4	Present
Jim Conrad	5	Absent
Steve Turigliatto	5	Present

A. A quorum of Commissioners being present, Chairman Dodd called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

B. Introductions

The Commissioners introduced themselves. Other introductions are as follows:

Dawn Nielsen, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures for the  
Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures

Marcia Milam, Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures

John Rowe – Friends of Rollo

Fred Kazmarck – Oceanside Senior Anglers

Noelle Morris – San Diego Oceans Foundation

Michael Wall, Ph.D. – San Diego Natural History Museum

Jeff Lincer, Ph.D. – Wildlife Research Institute

Commissioner Dodd moved to alter the order of business and to hear the grant presentations from the members of the public first. The motion was seconded and approved by acclamation.

New Business – Grant Presentations

1. Grant Presentations (Dodd)

Each of the grant requestors gave presentations on their grant applications.

1	Oceanside Senior Anglers 2007 Kids Fishing Trips	\$3,000.00	Oceanside Senior Anglers	Fred Kaczmarek	Educational fishing trips for kids ages 7-15 during summer vacations
2	Friends of Rollo Youth Marine Awareness Program	\$20,000.00	Friends of Rollo	John Rowe	Marine awareness fishing trips for primarily underprivileged, minority and handicapped youth
3	White Seabass Restoration Project	\$4,198.00	San Diego Oceans Foundation	Noelle Morris	Project to reintroduce white seabass to Mission Bay
4	San Diego Hatch & Aquatic Insect Database	\$11,273.00	San Diego Natural History Museum - Entomology Dept	Dr. Michael Wall	Increase understanding of San Diego County's freshwater invertebrate fauna while providing educational resources for the public
5	Burrowing Owl Conservation Project	\$9,990.00	Wildlife Research Institute Inc	Jeff Lincer	Proper habitat management and public education regarding the burrowing owl

Proposal 1: Mr. Fred Kaczmarek presented a proposal from Oceanside Senior Anglers for \$3000 to fund two saltwater day trips for children from the Boys and Girls Clubs of Oceanside.

Proposal 2: Mr. John Rowe presented a proposal from Friends of Rollo (a 501(c)(3) founded in 1998) for \$20,000 to support a saltwater fishing program for disadvantaged children in the City of San Diego. Mr. Rowe noted that the Friends of Rollo receive in-kind support of services (insurance, etc) from the United Anglers.

Proposal 3: Noelle Morris of San Diego Oceans Foundations presented a request for \$4198 to support maintenance of white bass holding pens for the White Sea Bass Restoration project. The pens were constructed using Commission funding and need to be repaired. Fish held in the pens will be released into Mission Bay.

Proposal 4: Dr. Jeff Lincer presented a proposal from the Wildlife Research Institute of Ramona, requesting \$9,990 to support the Burrowing Owl Recovery project. Burrowing Owl populations have declined more than 90 percent in San Diego over the past 10 years, primarily as a result of habitat loss.

Proposal 5: Dr. Michael Wall presented a funding request from the San Diego Natural History Museum for \$11,273 to support development of a San Diego Hatch and Aquatic Insect Database. Dr. Wall noted the economic impact of freshwater fishing across the state, and noted that there is no information on the unique aquatic invertebrates of San Diego County. Dr. Wall proposes to establish a vouchered collection of San Diego aquatic insects from the SDNMH streams, which will provide a baseline for water quality and provide a resource for fishermen seeking information on local hatches.

- C. **Approval of minutes of the meetings from May 10, 2006.** Chairman Dodd asked for exceptions to the minutes. Commissioner Sloane noted that she had contacted staff by email requesting a correction, which was incorporated. Commissioner Smothers asked that the minutes be amended on page 4, item 2, regarding the Day at the Docks. Commissioner Smothers asked that the word “sign” be changed to read “banner”.

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Campbell moved to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barth, and unanimously approved by acclaim. Commissioner Dodd and Campbell abstained because they did not attend the meeting.

- D. **Public Comment on any subject matter within Commission jurisdiction, but not on the agenda.** (No discussion or action may be taken by the Commission.)
- E. **Chairman's Report** (Dodd) Commissioner Dodd reported that he had received a phone call from a polling company on Rancho Guejito, asking what messages shifted opinion, both for and against, of the development of this Rancho. Dodd also mentioned there was an article in the Los Angeles Times on Rancho Guejito. He thought the Commissioners may want to keep up on this issue as it may be one they want to take a position on in the future. He asked if any other Commissioners had been contacted. None of the Commissioners reported a contact.
- F. **Administrative Items--The Commission will discuss, and may take action on, administrative items related to the Commission.**

Old:

1. San Diego Freshwater Fish Project (Campbell)  
Commissioner Campbell reported that both grant applications he had submitted were denied. He said that Department of Fish and Game were not going after the surviving trout in the Loveland Reservoir. He said San Mateo Creek was at a standstill due to competition with several other projects, and that no field work has been undertaken to complete the invertebrate bioassessment. The bioassessment is a requirement from USFWS, and a prerequisite to efforts to remove exotic, predatory species. Commissioner Campbell noted that the California Water Board has adopted a revised bioassessment protocol called SWAMP (State Water Assessment and Monitoring Protocol) which all bioassessment projects must use. Only a small number of Northern California labs are certified in using the protocol, and it is poorly suited to streams that have never been baselined, as in San Diego streams.

Retain this item for next agenda      Yes ☒ No ☐

2. Monthly Meeting with CDFG (Sloane)  
Commissioner Sloane reported that the May meeting was postponed until June 28<sup>th</sup>.

Retain this item for next agenda      Yes ☒ No ☐

3. Handling of fines/forfeiture monies for Fish & Game violations (Sloane)

Commissioner Sloane discussed fines and forfeitures imposed for violations of the Fish and Game Code. County Staff action has been to discuss with Counsel, to advise Court officials regarding the uses to which fines are put.

Retain this item for next agenda      Yes ☒ No ☐

4. Department of Planning and Land Use Noticing (Dodd)

Commissioner Dodd asked for a staff report on the problem. Dawn Nielsen reported that she had spoke with Planning and Land Use staff Davhia Lynch who works for Tom Oberbauer and Trish Boaz from County Parks and Recreation regarding noticing to FWAC. Ms. Lynch has suggested that some projects require consultation with U.S. Fish and Wildlife and California Fish and Game. Dawn asked if these projects would be of interest to the Commissioners and the Commissioners agreed that they were. Dawn stated that DPLU and DP&R are both agreeable to provide notice to FWAC regarding land use and environmental issues that may impact hunting and fishing in the County. Ms. Nielsen stated that some DPLU items have only 72 hours notice. Commissioner Bransford stated that Notice needs to be provided earlier, and Commissioners Sloane and Campbell suggested that the Notice should meet the 30 day requirement of law.

Retain this item for next agenda      Yes ☒ No ☐

New Business

1. Financial Statement (Dodd)

The financial statement was reviewed. \$11,374 is available to fund grants

Retain this item for next agenda      Yes ☒ No ☐

2. Multistate Conservation Grant Program (Campbell)

Commissioner Campbell reported on the meeting that he and Commissioner Sloane had with Supervisor Jacob. Mr. Campbell stated that he suggested to Supervisor Jacob that declining fines and forfeiture revenue could be supplemented with grant funds from Federal and national non-profit sources, enabling the Commission to support expanded conservation and restoration efforts. Commissioner Campbell provided information on several potential grant opportunities: Community Development Block Grants, National Wildlife Federation More Fish Grants, and the Multistate Conservation Grant Program. Staff pointed out that the Commission would need the approval of the County Board of Supervisors, and possibly an amendment to the by-laws.

A motion was made by Commissioner Campbell that 90 days prior to the Fish America Foundation grant deadline (November 1) that he would bring back information on the grant to have the Commission make a decision of whether to move forward to apply. Seconded by Commissioner Bransford. Call for the Vote: motion was approved unanimously.

Retain this item for next agenda      Yes ☒ No ☐

3. By Laws (Barth)

Commissioner Barth reported that the by-laws permit the Commission to advise the Board of Supervisors on matters with its expertise. Commissioner Barth asked fellow Commissioners to review the by-laws and to bring back any proposed changes to the next meeting.

Retain this item for next agenda      Yes ☒ No ☐

4. DVDs (Barth)

Commissioner Barth went on line to check out the FWAC DVD's and found that they are not available. She has put a call into the County Library to find out why this is occurring. It was noted that the DVDs are in the central County Library, which is satisfactory.

Retain this item for next agenda      Yes ☒ No ☐

5. Recognition of Service to Wildlife (Bransford)

The commissioners discussed service awards. Marcia Milam had talked with Mike Pottorff who has the wording for the award for Mr. Paul Jessop. This item had been approved in a previous meeting. Dawn discussed that County Counsel had reviewed appropriate expenditures and purchase of plaques were not allowed. Dawn indicated she had discussed this issue with Agricultural Commissioner Bob Atkins and he had agreed on a case by case review, AWM would purchase plaques for the FWAC.

Retain this item for next agenda      Yes ☒ No ☐

6. Education/Outreach program (Conrad)

Commissioner Conrad was unable to attend this meeting.

Retain this item for next agenda      Yes ☒ No ☐

7. Position Paper for Funding for Wardens (Conrad)

Commissioner Bransford said that Commissioner Conrad had some very good arguments for increasing funding for Wardens.

Retain this item for next agenda      Yes ☒ No ☐

8. Tijuana River Valley Regional Park (TJRVRP) Area Specific Management Directive (Dodd)

Commissioner Dodd presented information on the TJRVRP– stated that the material circulated is the Specific Management Plan Directive that calls for the creation of the TJRVRP. Commissioner Sloane suggested that since Commissioner Bransford is familiar with the Otay Valley River Valley Regional Park and the proximity to TJRVRP, that he review the TJRVRP. Commissioner Bransford said he would take a look at the plan.

Retain this item for next agenda      Yes ☒ No ☐

**G. Commissioner's Corner – No Reports**

**H. Meeting Adjourned at 8:40pm**